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FROM : H. ALCON

16 JANUARY 1946

TO : AGENT FOR CCS FOR CLAG RPTD WAFOP (LONDON)
FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD AFHQ PHOEG

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Subject is wheat and flour programs. Refer MOC 451.

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2. Therefore, in para 7 MOC 451, figure shown for estimated stock on hand as at 31 January 1946 should now read 86,000 metric tons only and that for stock on hand as at 28 Febr. 1946 should now read 312,000 metric tons. In last sentence para 7 "January" should now be substituted for "February".

3. Para 7 of MOC 451 thus should now read as follows:

"The estimated cereal stock on hand in Italy as at 31 December 1945 is 208,224 metric tons. On the basis of the information as to January and February loadings shown in COM 355, and latest telephone information regarding UNRRA loadings for January, it is estimated that stock on hand as at 31 January 1946 will be 56,000 metric tons, and stock on hand as at 28 February 1946 will be only 212,000 metric tons. From this it will be seen that the stock position will progressively deteriorate to such a level that the maintenance of the 200 grams per head per day bread ration throughout Italy will have become impossible by the end of January, owing to the fact that practically all remaining indigenous stocks of wheat will be concentrated in two parts of the country, other (including the most inaccessible) parts, having to depend entirely on imported supplies."

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MOC AIRGRAM 137. 8 January 1946

TO

Combined Civil Affairs Committee
(for Combined Liberated Areas Committee)
30-866 Pentagon Building
WASHINGTON, D.C. (15 copy)

SUBJECT

Cereal Stock Position

1. Attached is an analysis of the cereal stock position as of

1 December 1945.

2. Warehouse stocks of bread grains including both imported and indigenous grain were critically low in four areas--Liguria, Campania, Puglia, Sicily--each of which had less than five days stock on hand as at 1 December 1945. At the other extreme only four compartments had more than a sixty-day supply of all bread grains (excluding rice), and of these four only two--Marche and Umbria--had more than sufficient grain to maintain the bread and pasta ration until the 1946 harvest. The surplus in these two compartments, however, is small--only 19,998 metric tons, and this amount is presently being moved to deficit areas. Stocks are low in the normally surplus producing areas for the reason that grain has already been moved out to maintain the ration in other areas.

3. In order to conserve grain for the bread ration the milling of wheat for pasta manufacture in Northern Italy was restricted, and rice was issued in lieu of pasta. The authorized rate of issue during December was 2000 grams of rice per head per month in Lombardy and Piemonte, 1500 in Liguria and 500 in Emilia and Veneto. Total stocks of rice are sufficient to maintain this large issue, and some rice will be moved to the South. Limiting factors include the rate at which rough rice can be processed and the availability of transportation.

4. Stocks of all cereals at mills, bakeries and pasta manufacturers were below the level required for efficient operation in all except two compartments where stocks in mills and other processing plants fell to the low levels indicated for Puglia, Lucania, Calabria, it is impossible to maintain a steady flow of bread and pasta to consumers.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice-President
Economic Section

Enclosure. Table of Cereal Stock Position

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GRANULAR STOCK POSITION 1. 1. 1945 1 DECEMBER 1945

Showing location of stocks purpose for which stocks will be used and number of days maintenance (all grains in stock file)

Department and region	Bread grains (a) to meet bread ration and pasta part of generi da minestra ration			Rice for remaining part of generi da minestra ration			Stocks of i.e., at	
	Stocks of bread grains in warehouses on 1 Dec. 45			Monthly maintenance requirement excl. rice	Days bread grains will last	Stocks of rice in whses. on 1 Dec. 45	Monthly requirement for rice	Days rice will last
	Imported	Indigenous	Total					
Piemonte	2,923	15,800	18,723	18,101	31	58,234	(7,949)	158
Liguria	371	136	507	10,654	1	-	(3,114)	-
Lombardia	-	27,425	27,425	36,371	23	39,897	15,959	75
Veneto	373	40,263	40,636	31,670	38	3,405	4,293	24
Venezia G.	6,375	174	6,549	4,035	49	-	-	-
Emilia	3	58,967	58,970	16,949	104	792	6,396	27
NORTH ITALY	19,045	142,765	152,810	117,780	39(d)	102,328	32,711	94
Toscana	1,750	40,313	42,063	20,866	60	-	-	-
Marche	-	70,246	70,246	7,033	299	-	-	-
Umbria	-	30,330	30,330	3,667	248	-	-	-
Lazio	-	8,959	8,959	23,533	11	-	-	-
Abruzzi	-	15,227	15,227	8,234	55	-	-	-
Campania	-	2,334	2,334	28,166	2	-	-	-
Puglia	622	2,490	3,112	22,734	4	-	-	-
Lucania	-	6,022	6,022	2,733	66	-	-	-
Calabria	8,651	5,601	14,252	14,166	30	-	-	-
Sicilia	-	4,085	4,085	31,269	4	-	-	-
Sardegna	-	5,068	5,068	8,533	18	-	-	-
SOUTH ITALY	11,023	190,675	201,698	170,934	35(d)	-	-	-
ITALY, ALL	21,068	333,440	354,508	288,714	37(d)	102,328	32,711	94

(a) Comprised of wheat, flour, barley, rye and maize, stated in terms of wheat equivalent.

(b) Minimum working stocks are determined by the rate of production of pasta and by the geographical situation i.e., distance from port of discharge or surplus producing area and accessibility of the various communes.

(c) Not reported.

(d) Regional and national average number of days warehouse stocks will last are hypothetical for they indicate would last if it could be ideally distributed to all areas which not only would necessitate uneconomic transport but is physically impossible to move all of the grain within the period of time indicated.

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CEREAL STOCK POSITION 1. DECEMBER 1945

purpose for which stocks will be used and number of days maintenance

(all grains stated in wheat equivalent,
(all stock figures in metric tons,

to meet bread ration and pasta neri da minestra ration				Rice for remaining part of generi da minestra ration			Stocks of all cereals in processing-- i.e., at mills, bakeries, and pasta manufacturers		
grains in Dec. 45	Monthly maintenance requirement	Days bread grains will last	Stocks of rice in whses. on 1 Dec. 45	Monthly requirement for rice	Days rice will last	On hand 1 Dec. 45	Minimum working stocks (b)	Percent actual of minimum	
Amount	Total								
000	18,723	18,101	31	58,234	(7,949	158	9,155	12,000	76
136	507	10,654	1	-	(9,114	-	4,808	5,000	96
425	27,425	36,371	23	39,897	15,959	75	12,298	24,000	51
263	40,636	31,670	38	3,405	4,293	24	13,495	22,000	61
174	6,549	4,035	49	-	-	-	(c)	2,000	-
967	58,970	16,949	104	792	1,396	27	16,129	12,000	134
765	152,810	117,780	39(d)	102,328	32,711	94	55,876	77,000	73
313	42,063	20,866	60	-	-	-	10,818	14,000	77
246	70,246	7,033	299	-	-	-	2,652	7,000	38
390	30,330	3,667	248	-	-	-	2,370	3,500	68
959	8,959	23,533	11	-	-	-	11,482	16,000	72
227	15,227	8,234	55	-	-	-	5,311	8,000	66
334	2,334	28,166	2	-	-	-	7,149	14,000	51
490	3,112	22,734	4	-	-	-	3,522	11,000	32
022	6,022	2,733	66	-	-	-	568	3,500	16
601	14,252	14,166	30	-	-	-	1,272	14,000	9
085	4,085	31,269	4	-	-	-	2,231	15,000	62
068	5,068	8,533	18	-	-	-	10,617	8,500	125
75	201,598	170,934	35(d)	-	-	-	64,992	111,500	57
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel : 454

15 Nov 44

Ref : 4815/6/COS.

SUBJECT : Compulsory Food Pools.

TO : Economic Section.

on file 4815/COS

1. Attached hereto is a letter from Mr. Myron G. Taylor to Chief Commissioner outlining a scheme of his own for relieving the difficulties of the food situation in Italy. You will also find attached an interim reply thereto by the Chief Commissioner.

2. Will you please examine this proposal and after you have formulated an opinion will you draft a reply for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

Capt. C. R. ODEN
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to : Major Quayle.

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